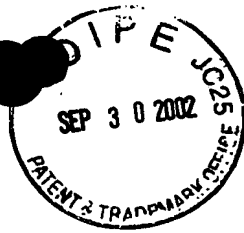


217365US-0PCT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SELIM ARACTINGI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 09/926,778 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 18, 2001 :  
FOR: COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING :  
SOLUBLE FORMS OF HLA-G FOR TREATING  
INFLAMMATORY SKIN PATHOLOGIES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice dated March 29, 2002, Applicants submit herewith an  
Amendment, a substitute Sequence Listing, and a corresponding Computer Readable  
Sequence Listing.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After page 24 (Abstract), beginning on a new page, please delete the original  
Sequence Listing at page 1 and insert the substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto.